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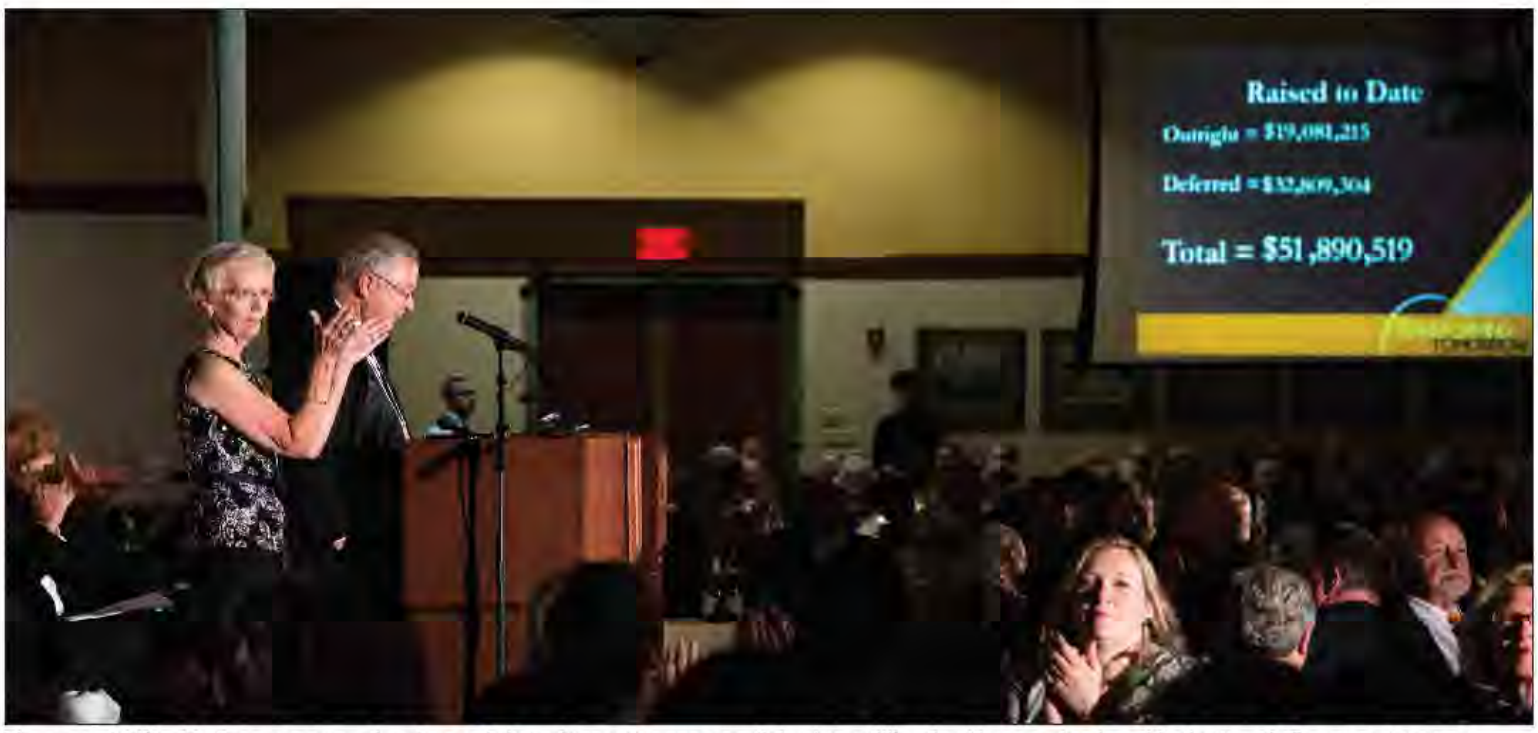

Marge and Mike McCoy announced at the end that almost 70 percent of the $75 million had been raised. — **Marketing & Communications**

Campaign raises $51.9 million

Transforming Tomorrow's $75 million campaign vital to college, co-chair says

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Wartburg College's new $75 million campaign, Transforming Tomorrow, publicly kicked off Friday, Oct.17, with a gala attended by approximately 400 people.

Transforming Tomorrow is a campaign developed out of Wartburg's strategic plan to enrich the campus community through three components: people, places and programs.

"The purpose of this campaign is, as the name indicates, to transform tomorrow. To transform the college's tomorrow and to transform our students tomorrow," President Darrel Colson said.

At this time, the campaign has raised $51.9 million toward its goal, as announced during the gala.

Three years ago, the campaign began quietly fundraising privately.

"During this quiet phase we were talking to donors who love the college and have the capacity to kick a project off," Colson said.

He explained that a lead gift is a large gift indicating a donor's support. Their support is used to entice and encourage other donors.

An $8 million project, renovating Clinton Hall is the lead project going forward with Transforming Tomorrow.

The funds raised will go towards a new faculty apartment, classroom, program offices and updates to the residential living spaces.

The other gifts will go to such projects as updating a number of Wartburg's outdoor athletic facilities and funding more student scholarships, academic and co-curricular activities.

A surprise was announced during the gala: Marge and Mike McCoy, co-chairs of the campaign, have given a second substantial pledge gift to the campaign, to match every donation made to the Clinton Hall Project up to $2 million.

"This campaign, as everyone knows, is vital to the future of Wartburg College. A future that is made possible from the generous alumni, parents and friends of the college," Mike McCoy said.

"Each and every gift is important and necessary for us to be successful."

Those in attendance at the gala ranged from board of regent, faculty/staff, parents and former donors. — **Marketing & Communication**

With this pledge gift, it brings the potential of total funds raised to $53.9 million.

Scott Leisinger, vice president for Institutional Advancement, said the campaign is trying to do is offer donors a chance to really invest in a student's educational experience at Wartburg.

Leisinger added students are at the very core of what the campaign is all about.

If they weren't taking full advantage of what Wartburg had to offer, it wouldn't nearly be the investment opportunity for donors, Leisinger said.

Leisinger said now that the quiet phase is over and the campaign is public, throughout the next few months, they will begin engaging students, faculty, staff and Waverly community members.

He added that as the campaign continues, they will move out to other areas in the country that have high concentrations of alumni.

"We will have some events, and tell the story about the campaign to try to get people excited about participating," Leisinger said.

Prairie landscaping to replace rundown buildings

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The Wartburg Sustainability Department is planning a prairie planting on campus to reduce long-term spending and create more opportunities for students, Anne Duncan, director of sustainability, said.

The proposed landscaping will take place on the college-owned Gabe lot, located on the corner of seventh street northwest and third avenue northwest across from Löhe Hall, once the house and garage on the lot are torn down.

"The house got to a point where it needed a lot of maintenance and we don't make money off of it so it's more cost effective to tear it down," Duncan said.

Sold to the college by the Gabe family, the house and garage will be torn down by a contractor as late as the end of November, Duncan said.

"If they get the house torn down in the next month, then we'll get it planted this winter," Duncan said. "Otherwise it'll be a spring planting."

Duncan said a large reason this expansion area was agreed upon was because it is out of the flood plain and provides suitable conditions for the prairie to grow.

The proposal on the prairie was

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Gabe house (left) and the garage (right), located across from Löhe Hall is scheduled to be torn down by the end of November to make way for a prairie planting. — **Matt Gruemmer/*TRUMPET***

Lock your dorm doors

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In the wake of a female student reporting an unknown man in her dorm room, Wartburg Security is stressing the importance of keeping dorm rooms locked.

The female student who reported the intruder last week was not harmed nor reported any items missing, but it was enough for John Myers, director of Wartburg security and safety, to send an email out to the student body, alerting them to the possibility of intruders or burglars.

"I took this incident as a good excuse to advise students to lock their doors," Myers said.

Myers said locking dorm doors is important because it not only protects students, but their property as well.

Myers said the number of intruders has been few over the years but still exists.

"I've been here since 1997, this may be only the second or third time that somebody has reported that somebody has been in their room that they didn't know or didn't invite in," he said. "It's a very rare occasion."

Myers said the young woman came back to her room in the Manors, went into the restroom and when she came out, witnessed a man walk out of the room. The intruder did not speak to her at any point. The student declined to comment to the Trumpet.

"She didn't recall him being in there when she came in, but she didn't hear him come in either. It's not that we think there is anything wrong to scare any students," Myers said.

The communal lifestyle of college with students coming in and out of others rooms is to be expected, Myers said, but students need to not be as trusting.

"To be truthful, my thoughts, not that we aren't concerned with the safety of students, but where we have had problems is where students leave doors unlocked and stuff has disappeared," he said.

There have been eight reported thefts from unlocked residence halls from January to September of this year, Myers said. Myers strongly recommended students especially lock their rooms while they are asleep at night to prevent burglaries.

"Over the years, we've had two or three people that have reported that somebody has gone into their rooms while they are asleep, stolen items and never woke them up," he said.

Wartburg student Olivia Barnes had just such an experience her first year. An intruder entered her dorm room while she was asleep and stole her MacBook laptop.

"I was in shock. How could someone feel comfortable enough

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Gift bag meals meet with mixed opinions

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Homecoming meals were not the traditional Mensa meal this year, as students were given the option of a "gift bag" style meal for last week's Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

The meals contained soup, entreé options for both days, as well as water and a variety of snacks, Margaret Empie, assistant vice president for Dining and Retail Services, said.

Students received food that was able to be microwaved or was prepackaged.

"We thought through all of the different kinds of things people eat and we tried to accommodate that," Empie said.

Many students were unaware of the gift bag meals, Katie Hogle, a student said.

"I didn't know anything about it," Hogle said.

Students who were aware of the change in dining had mixed opinions about the gift bag meal option.

"A lot of the things that they gave out you already have in your room. I have a ton of mac n' cheese cups," Mikenna Rodriguez, a student, said, "Why do I need more?"

Calyn Thompson was excited about the gift bags.

"It's a lot of food, but it's awesome. It's like going grocery shopping in the Mensa," Thompson said.

Dinner in the Mensa was cancelled Friday due to a kick-off gala for the Transforming Tomorrow campaign. The event utilized all of the available space in the Mensa as well as the three ballrooms.

Student meals on Saturday were changed during the day because of Homecoming activities.

By having the gift bag meals, students had the freedom to eat when they wanted to, allowing them to participate in the Renaissance Fair and other Homecoming activities, Empie said.

Students were allowed to select what they wanted to put in their gift bags, taking one from a variety of options such as soup, chips and trail mix.

If students had special dietary restrictions, Dining Services coordinated with them to ensure that all students were satisfied, Empie said.

Students were able to pick up their meals on Wednesday during dinner and Thursday during lunch and dinner.

Martha Muswema receives her gift bag meal from Wartburg student and dining employee Monica Sieg. The bag contained food that was prepackaged and microwavable. — **Allix Williamson**/*TRUMPET*

A second check-in station was provided to allow an easier flow of traffic, keeping one line of students entering the Mensa for regular dining and another selecting their gift bag meals.

Empie said over 700 gift bag meals were taken, which is more than the number of students that take advantage of the traditional alternate meal.

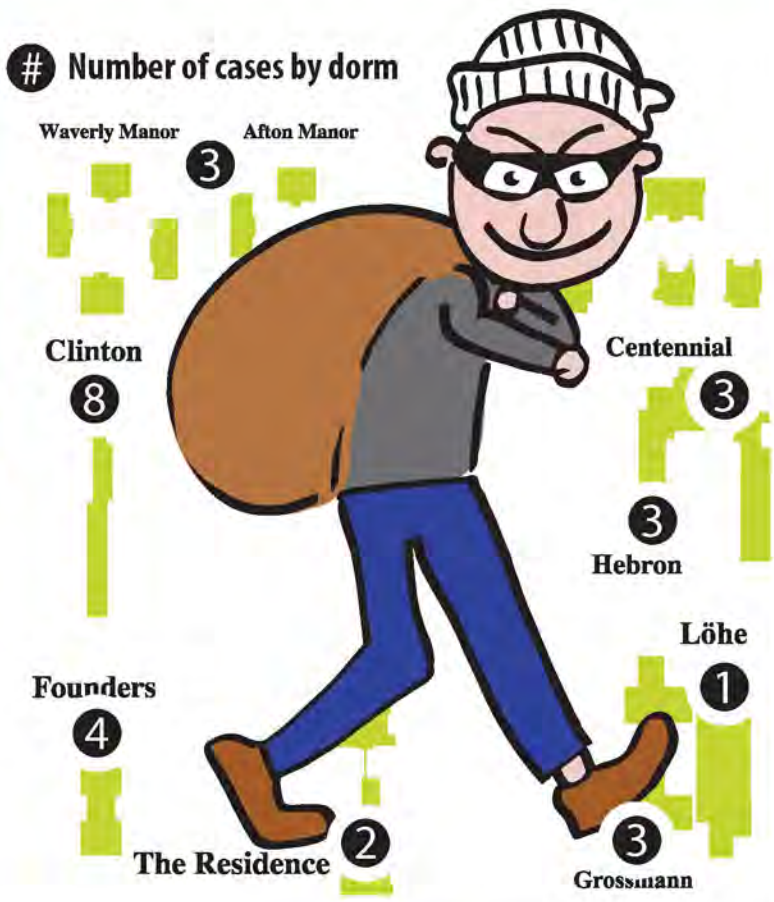
Past alternate meals have been held in other locations, such as the Den and Cardinal Commons, Empie said.

The Saturday evening meal was the traditional Oktoberfest, put on by the alumni department, Empie said.

Security Reports Involving Thefts

Reports per Year	
2011	2
2012	6
2013	5
2014 Jan. - Sep.	8

Cases Solved: 7



— **Mauricio Gutierrez**/*TRUMPET*

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to just walk into someone's room and take something there," Barnes said. "It wasn't even the fact that they took something. It was just the fact that they were there in the first place, without me knowing."

If a student encounters a stranger in their room, Myers said they should immediately call Wartburg Security.

If property is stolen, students can file a report with campus security and the Waverly Police Department.

"I think it's pretty scary knowing that people think it's OK to intrude on others' space," said Kennedy Haut.

As for now, Myers said though the situation was rare, it provided a teaching point for students.

"I did not mean to send the notice out to scare people. It is just to make them more aware," Myers said.

"If there was a situation, not that we'd want to scare people, but where there would really be concern, we would send out a Wartburg Alert as soon as we knew that there was a danger."

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discussed after several environmental science and studies students researched ways the college could be more sustainable in its on-campus resources.

"Some of these changes are going to cost more up-front, but the long-term impact is there."

— Anne Duncan

"The goal is to get our landscaping transitioned so that it is more native and takes less maintenance," Duncan said.

Duncan described this transition as no-mow zone landscaping which means it is more of a planting.

Once these plantings are established, they have less maintenance expense throughout the year than the current methods, Duncan said.

"One of our driving factors is long-term savings," Duncan said. "We're saving on gas, on equipment wear and tear and staff time."

The students found that Wartburg could be doing a better job with its current landscaping by focusing on planting plants that can handle the varying weather patterns of Iowa.

"They are thinking about doing native grasses that are pretty all year round. Even in winter they're still there," Therin Bradshaw, an environmental sciences and studies major, said.

Bradshaw was part of an environmental team last year that was responsible for identifying the current flowers and trees on campus and found that Wartburg uses many non-native species in its landscaping.

"Ornamental trees are pretty cool, and it's kind of competing with native stuff which is what we're trying to bring back," Bradshaw said.

Along with less maintenance and care for non-native plants, Duncan said the new prairie will provide an essential experience to environmental students.

"Environmental studies majors are going to need experience in this area," Duncan said.

"These are awesome opportunities to be living labs on our campus."

Wartburg already owns the Lageschulte Prairie, a six-acre donated plot located two miles east of Waverly, which is used for field studies and individual research.

However, this prairie would be more easily accessible for students, Abigail Blake, an environmental sciences and studies major, said.

"It's a good research opportunity," Blake said.

"It'd be a cool process for students to be involved in."

Duncan said this year's first-year students will start to see the full impact of the prairie during their senior year because of the initial work and expenses.

"Some of these changes are going to cost more up-front, but the long-term impact is there," Duncan said.

The Gabe house is scheduled to be torn down before December. — **Matt Gruemmer**/*TRUMPET*

North and east science halls renamed

During the dedication of the Science Center, Bill Otto told attendees how much Wartburg meant to his father, world renowned cadiothoracic surgeon, the late Dr. Ralph Otto.—**Brady Van Sickle**/*TRUMPET*

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The generosity and care that Dr. Ralph Otto and his wife Dianne gave to Wartburg were reflected on by faculty and family on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Dr. Darrel Colson, president of Wartburg College, officially named the north and east wings of the Science Center after the Ottos in the courtyard of the Science Center.

"What we're honoring is this tradition, this steady tradition in their family of supporting our science program," Colson said.

Dr. Ralph Otto was a world renowned cardiothoracic surgeon and he graduated from Wartburg in 1963.

Upon graduating, Otto went to Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. where he received his medical degree in 1967.

Otto served on Wartburg's Board of Regents from 1992 until his death in 2008.

Otto's son, Bill Otto, was at the dedication and he recounted just how much Wartburg meant to his father.

Bill Otto remembered his parents getting into an argument over how unfairly Ralph Otto donated to Wartburg over Northwestern.

"He said 'you don't understand, Wartburg is the reason I am as successful as I am,'" Bill Otto said.

The Ottos set up a number of endowments and scholarships over the years.

Dr. Brian Ernsting, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, shared how the Otto's gifts have helped maximize the teaching and learning between professors and students.

"Donors can be proud to know that they are not only ensuring academic excellence, but securing gifts for the future," Ernsting said.

"He said 'You don't understand, Wartburg is the reason I am as successful as I am.'"

—Bill Otto

One of the beneficiaries of the Ottos' contributions to the college is Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek, Ralph E. Otto Endowed professor in Chemistry.

An endowed professorship is a professor that is permanently paid from an endowment.

Ellerbroek talked at length about how much that honor has meant to him and the college.

Dr. A.W. Swensen meant a lot to Ralph Otto during his time at Wartburg and how Otto credited Swensen for much of his academic and professional success, Ellerbroek said.

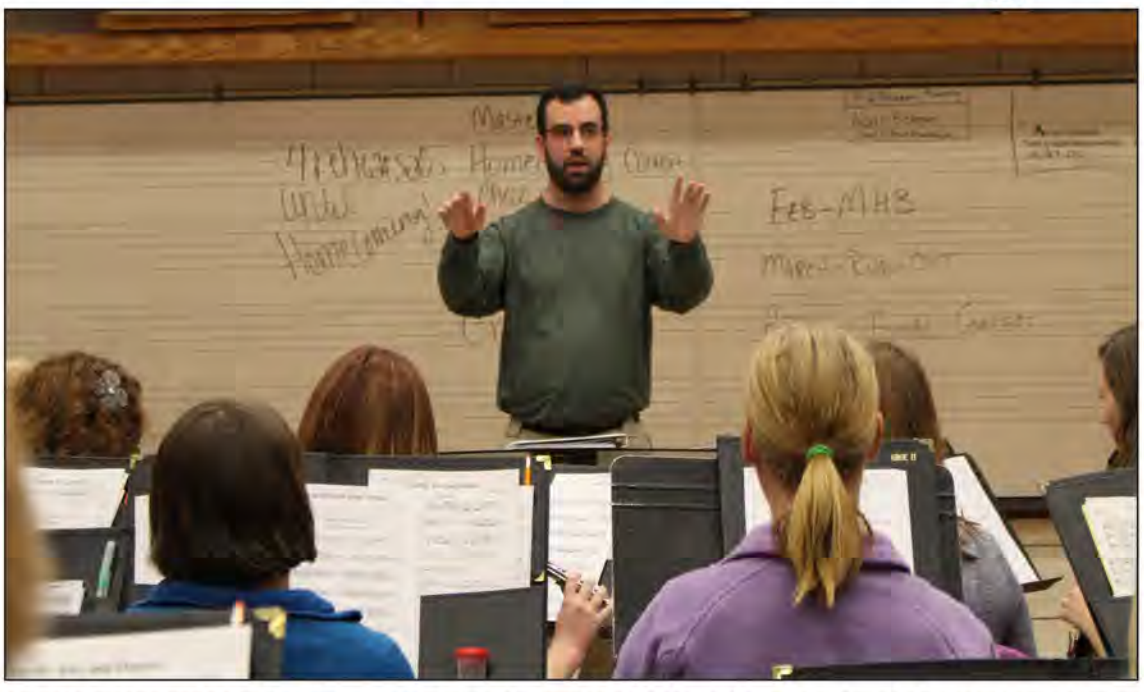
Ellerbroek also shared the words of wisdom Swensen imparted on Otto during his time here.

"Achieve greatness and don't be afraid of it," Ellerbroek said.

In a tribute, the plaque commemorating the Otto Science Hall will be displayed next to a portrait of Swensen in the north wing.

From left, Sarah Shirar, the AW Swenson award recipient, Bill Otto, Shanna Otto, Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek, and Charlie Otto. The main sign now says Otto Science Hall. —**Brady Van Sickle**/*TRUMPET*

Concert band changes



The main change to the band program is directoral. Dr. Scott Muntefering (pictured above) conducts the Symphonic band while Dr. Craig Hancock conducts the Wind Ensemble. —**Lauren Matysik**/*TRUMPET*

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The Wartburg College Concert Bands (WCCB) have gone through major changes since the new school year began.

For the last 18 years, the Wind Ensemble, a group of 55 members, and the Symphonic band, a group of 92 members, have been under the direction of Dr. Craig Hancock.

As of this year, Dr. Scott Muntefering is the conductor of the Symphonic Band and Hancock of the Wind Ensemble.

"Two bands, two conductors, two different styles, enhances the students' perspective of the different teaching methods, if one decides to be a band instructor," Muntefering said.

Hancock also believes it is important for students to get a variety of experiences.

"[Students get to] see two different directors, two different teachers doing the same sort of basic job," Hancock said.

Many students are enjoying the new experience of two directors. Jamie Harrings, vice president of Symphonic Band, said having two conductors makes sense.

"Conducting two bands at the college level is a lot, and most colleges do not have one conductor for two bands. It also takes a lot of the stress off Dr. Hancock," Harrings said.

Wind Ensemble member Catherine Wilcox said the idea of two directors is nice, but it poses a new set of challenges.

"One of the things we promote as a program is being one family, but when the one director doesn't see the members of the band, it can make the members feel separated from one another," Wilcox said.

Zachary Schrupp, president of Symphonic Band, feels the bands are not nearly the family they have previously been.

He also believes that band bonding, a time when the groups come together to get to know each other, was not the same this year.

Adding that after a few hours of being together, the bands split up and minor traditions that were once held close, didn't happen.

The next band concerts are Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.

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The deadline to pre-register to vote is *Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014.*
You can still register on the spot at your polling place on Election Day *Nov. 4.*

1. Provide proof of identity
Bring a valid, current identification with your picture on it and an expiration date.

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Attest that the information you give is true.

As a college student, you have the option of registering to vote in your home town or in your college town (but not in both).

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Choice Words: Alumni Edition

It's exciting to be back on campus where people know you. Moving to a new place, you have to meet new people, and it's not always the welcoming environment that Wartburg has. It's nice to be back and feel that again.

-Chris McIntyre '14

It is "coming home" when you're done being a student here. It's always good to come back and remember when we thought we knew everything and we were still cool.

-Katy Seeley '99

It's nice to be here and not have any obligations. Just go do what you want to do for homecoming and not have to worry about a schedule that you're on.

-Shayla (Hopp) McInyre '14

The best part of coming back is reconnecting with friends, reminiscing over the memories we made in college. Even though we haven't seen each other in a long time, it's fun to see that we can pick up right where we left off, and we have that connection that we made and started here together.

-Sarah (Dieck) Seig '84

I realized that I am being surrounded by music all weekend, and I love it because that is one of the biggest reasons why I came here. It's coming back and remembering that this is where I came from, this is the amazing family and sound I was a part of too, and it's still going. It's really nice to relive some of that again.

-Laura Mackey '12

I haven't seen these people in a few months and it's great. You get to have this wonderful reunion and connect with them again. I'm stoked to be back here because it's the people that make Wartburg what it is and see those people all over again. I also miss Wartburg Choir, so that is another reason why I'm back. [The concert] will be a bittersweet moment of "I love these guys, but I need to be up there."

-Christopher Kurt '14

It's fun to see friends and neat to see that no matter what year people graduated from Wartburg, the people are always so friendly and welcoming. That doesn't change no matter what year it is. It's home.

-Melissa Miller '99

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Poetry is for everyone

Professor says literature is useful in a liberal arts education

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On a recent walk, I was lost in thought—planning lessons, worrying about my ailing brother, thinking about dinner and noticing the first tendrils of a poem playing at the periphery, staring at the street below, paying no attention to the world around me.

Then, as if some gentle, invisible hand lifted my chin, I looked up and saw the pale underside of a hawk, illuminated by the sun, gracefully circling the clear sky, tracing a slow loop.

I took a deep breath and remembered that I am at my best when I maintain my perspective…and this takes solitude, awareness and sensitivity to the "useless" act of wandering, contemplating and simply being.

Poet W.H. Auden writes, "Poetry makes nothing happen…/It survives/In the valley of its making where executives/Would never want to tamper;…/…it survives/A way of happening, a mouth."

I participate in recruitment at Wartburg because I enjoy meeting prospective students and their parents. It is a wonderful opportunity and perhaps the most direct way to see what students and their parents care about, what they want and what their fears and misconceptions are.

When a parent asks me what his/her child can "do" with an English or writing major, I share what former students are currently doing with their degrees.

Sometimes, however, I also hear myself somehow anxiously trying to convince them that their child will emerge from his/her expensive education with a job that is of value to the "real world."

"I want students to see themselves as creative, vital people, and to do that, one must risk loving what is not always considered 'useful' in a culture that encourages conformity."

This almost always leaves me feeling a strange exhaustion and sadness, as if I've betrayed something deeper about the value of a liberal arts education—something I understand but cannot express without fear of sounding "elitist."

I find myself arguing for the "usefulness" of something that may not have "use" in the economic or practical sense.

When I graduated from college in 1992, I was told that I would never find a job with an English major.

A generation later, I am honored that my primary work is to encourage those who are on the journey toward deepening their understanding of experience through storytelling, expressing themselves clearly and authentically, no matter what their profession, and seeking the deeper patterns and connections where literature and other disciplines intersect.

How can one argue for the study of literature, creative writing and other subjects that do not come with an automatic price tag or guarantee of a career?

When I teach poetry, I am less concerned with whether or not my students will "use" it, than I am with their willingness to open their hearts and minds and guts to the world around them.

I want students to see themselves as creative, vital people, and to do that, one must risk loving what is not always considered "useful" in a culture that encourages conformity: to dare, as poet Samuel Coleridge has written, to "keep the heart awake to love and beauty."

Dr. Amy Nolan is an associate professor in the department of English and modern languages.

Letter to the Editor:

The true purpose of the #WhatIsColor campaign

We know you're probably thinking "wasn't this article published last week?" Yes, it was; however, the Black Student Union does not feel like our campaign was properly explained.

As a result, we are giving the correct explanation to ensure our message behind #WhatIsColor is accurately portrayed.

#WhatIsColor is a new campaign that allows all students, faculty and staff within the Wartburg community to express themselves in a way that is beneficial to all.

The purpose of our campaign is to communicate to everyone that color does matter; however, it should not deter anyone from being a part of groups or organizations that they desire.

Everyone should be comfortable in their own skin, whatever shade they are.

At the end of the day we all have color. It's a characteristic, but what does it have to do with my character? What does it have to do with my future?

Race, ethnicity and color matter; however, they should not serve as barriers, but rather connecting factors in bringing diverse groups together.

With the different dynamics and cultures throughout campus life, everyone can learn and grow together.

The executive team is already planning alcohol awareness and safe sex events, as well as its annual Hoops for Hope students vs. faculty basketball game fundraiser.

"Race, ethnicity and color matter; however, they should not serve as barriers, but rather connecting factors in bringing diverse groups together."

If you would like to get involved with Black Student Union, we meet the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 p.m. in Whitehouse Business Center 116.

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Display cases to honor professor

World-famous Opera singer displays momentos from career

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Dr. Simon Estes

A new display case honoring Dr. Simon Estes has been placed on the second floor of the FAC to honor his lifetime achievements.

The items in the display case include a multitude of different awards varying from musical recognition, charitable work and even civil rights advocacy.

The awards are a reflection of a man who got his start in opera at a German Opera house in West Berlin in 1965.

Estes has sang at the Vatican for two popes, performed for six presidents and performed numerous times for the late Nelson Mandela.

In addition to performing for such highly recognized figures, Estes' career has taken him to Rome, Paris, Sydney and all over the world.

"I've sung on every continent in the world," Estes said.

"Except Antarctica and that's because the penguins haven't invited me yet."

Despite his success, Director of Choral Activities Dr. Lee Nelson doesn't believe Estes has let his achievements inflate his ego.

"He's such a humble person," Nelson said.

"A person of his accomplishments could kind of look down at the rest of the world from on high and he doesn't. He loves to interact with the students, faculty, staff and community."

Born in Centerville, Iowa, Estes got his first start in music while he was in junior high school and his conductor asked him to sing with the high school as a first soprano, a great contrast from the robust bass voice that has led him to world recognition.

Even at that young age Estes was focused on living a life full of music.

"I asked my teacher if I could make a living singing," Estes said.

"Of course I was thinking Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, more popular music. I never really thought about opera."

From Centerville, Estes moved to the University of Iowa where his voice teacher recognized his talent and introduced him to opera, which drove Estes to earn a full ride scholarship to the Juilliard School of Music.

It was his time at the University of Iowa, however, that made him realize that he'd like to give back to his community.

The two display cases hold items from Dr. Simon Estes that he has collected from his world-wide professional opera career. They are on the second floor of the Fine Arts Center. – **Lauren Matysik**/*TRUMPET*

"I was from a very poor family when I went to the University of Iowa so I scrubbed floors and cleaned toilets," Estes said.

"I thought if ever I'd be blessed to have a good career I'd like to help other students."

His success has allowed him to give back to students as he desired when he was a student at Iowa.

Five years ago, he started singing in all 99 counties in Iowa and gives 50 percent of proceeds to the Simon Estes Foundation that has created 135 scholarships.

In addition, Estes has been able to pass his knowledge on to many of those same students, as he was a professor at Juilliard and Boston University and is currently on faculty at Iowa State and Wartburg.

Estes first performed at Neumann Auditorium 14 years ago. A week after his performance, then President Jack Ohle called to offer him a job and Estes hasn't looked back since.

"I've been very blessed in my career," Estes said.

"I love it here. It really is a great college."

A Wartburg Homecoming

Sir Victor and many others came to celebrate Homecoming. The celebrations included: a parade, Renaissance Faire and Oktoberfest. For more pictures, visit the wartburgcircuit.org. –**Lauren Matysik**/*TRUMPET*

Bonded by music

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The Wartburg Community Symphony is more than just an organization for students, but it is also for the people in the Cedar Valley.

The symphony is unlike the other music organizations at Wartburg because it isn't made up of only students, conductor of the Wartburg Community Symphony Dr. Daniel Kaplunas, said.

"The students get to play alongside community members, some of them are really good, and the students get to learn from professionals," Kaplunas said.

"It's a great experience for students."

While the ensemble is has professional musicians, the dynamic of the group doesn't seem to change, Nicole Mittlestadt, a student in the symphony, said.

"We all have the same significance within the ensemble. It's good to have the experience from people who are a little bit older and have probably been playing a lot longer, but the students are completely integrated into the group," Mittlestadt said.

Maria DeSilva, another student in the ensemble, said that being with the professionals in the group is unique.

"It's cool. I like seeing it kind of because they are always so into the music and they are always moving around while we play," DeSilva said.

The members from the Cedar Valley also sense a special connection the symphony offers.

Todd Williams, a Waterloo resident, is new to the ensemble. He said the group dynamic is unlike others he has been in.

"The mix is different. There is a vary in age levels and experience levels and technique levels, which is tricky to blend, but I think we, as a group, play wonderfully considering the vast range in age and experiences," Williams said.

The ensemble doesn't just focus on bringing together people from the community, Elaine Main, board of trustees member for the symphony, said.

"It is neat that high school students that have a lot of talent are invited to play with the symphony," Main said. "And so they get the experience of being with college students who are doing these marvelous things and other professionals too."

Main said so far the symphony has collaborated with Mason City and Charles City high schools. She said the students would come together and rehearse with the Wartburg group and then play part of the concert.

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Pageant contender

Student competes in Miss Iowa Pageant

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A member of the Wartburg dance team finished in the top 10 in the 2014 Miss Iowa United States Pageant.

Tarron Hansen, from New Hampton, Iowa, placed sixth in the pageant with 47 women competing.

A previous winner in 2013 of the Miss Teen Iowa United States Pageant, Hansen set her sights on the next step in her career, The Miss Iowa Pageant.

While she missed being in the top five, Hansen was glad she got to that point and was making sure to have fun in the process. Meeting new friends and gaining connections to modeling agencies was all part of the process, Hansen said. She also said participating gives her confidence and leads her to try to be a role model for others.

"As a titleholder you also empower women, and I truly believe that will be a key to success for women around the world," Hansen said.

While the pageant is done, Hansen will be working with her pageant coach, Cheri Kennedy, in her free time. Kennedy, a former Miss North Dakota USA winner and competitor for the Miss USA crown, has been a pageant coach for 19 years and has been coaching Hansen for four years.

Known around the world as one of the best, Kennedy has been Hansen's "lifesaver," Hansen said.

Kennedy has the most wins in the pageant world and is also like her second mom, Hansen said.

Kennedy called working with Hansen an absolute pleasure and said she has no doubt that Hansen has what it takes to someday be Miss Iowa USA.

"It's tremendous fun. She's definitely a go-getter and she's a great spirit," Kennedy said. "She's beautiful in her modeling. Her modeling is perfection."

In the Miss USA pageants, women are judged on three aspects: swimsuit modeling, evening gown modeling and a two-part interview.

The interview is separated into one private and one on-stage interview, Kennedy said.

One reason victory eluded Hansen in this year's pageant was something that just takes time, Kennedy said.

Stage presence is often times the thing that can be improved on the most to achieve a win, Kennedy said.

"I think it's going to take a little more time to mature, " Kennedy said. "I think what we would work on is the interview."

Former Wartburg student and 2012 Miss Teen Iowa USA winner Carissa Becker agreed with Kennedy on the keys to winning a pageant like the Miss Iowa.

"I personally think that a lot of it comes down to interview because that is something that sets most people apart. Obviously everyone competing is going to be gorgeous and have a great swimsuit body. The winner is usually the girl who has the 'whole package,'" Becker said.

Hansen was the youngest of all the competitors and said she can't wait to go back and compete next year. She also wants to make sure she has fun at school as well though, Hansen said.

"My plans now are to continue school and the dance team. As of now, I won't be competing again until next October for this pageant again," Hansen said.

Wartburg dance team member and 2013 Miss Teen Iowa USA winner Tarron Hansen (center) placed sixth in the 2014 Miss Iowa USA competition on October 11. Hansen works towards her degree while aslo competing in pageants each year. —**Submitted photo**

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BRAiNS is a new organization on campus that teaches students about neuroscience and how it's applicable to life. Ashley Lahti (left) explains to Brady Frieden how different animal brains have similar functions and parts as part of one of BRAiNS' interactive activities. —**Chad Giebelstein**/*TRUMPET*

New campus group gets 'brainy'

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Building and Raising Awareness in Neuroscience (BRAiNS) is a new organization on campus that works to teach students about neuroscience.

"The main goal of BRAiNS is to try to understand how neuroscience helps a lot of different fields and to understand that your brain is always influencing the things you do," Dr. Samantha Larimer Bousquet, Neuroscience program coordinator and BRAiNS adviser, said.

These things include understanding why you feel the emotions you do, why you study certain things and topics and why you act in a certain manner.

"These things are fun to think about and non-neuroscience majors might not have ever thought of them before," Larimer Bousquet said.

With the new neuroscience major on campus, LarimerBousquet got in contact with the neuroscience majors about starting their own organization, Ashley Lahti, BRAiNS president, said.

"Every other major has an organization on campus, so we thought it would be beneficial for us to do the same," Lahti said.

Being the adviser, Larimer Bousquet feels like it is her main role to keep everyone on track because they bring in a multitude of ideas. Her goal is to help take those ideas to the next step.

BRAiNS has a lot of different ideas for how they want to help out other students on campus as well.

BRAiNS is in the process of figuring out how they can work with other science majors, music therapy and help any other students out, Lahti said.

"I am excited that they want to do social, nerdy things and make it a resource for people trying to figure out what they want to do with their career," Larimer Bousquet said.

One social event they have had so far was a movie night about neuroscience.

"There are a lot of neuroscience movies out there but are Hollywood themed and bring up wrong ideas of neuroscience," Larimer Bosquet said.

BRAiNS also has people bring in their research and latest findings to try to get students that aren't neuroscience majors aware of cool things that neuroscience does, LarimerBosquet said.

"I hope to see the organization grow. I feel the neuroscience major, which became an official major last year, is growing on campus," Lahti said.

BRAiNS started working together last year as a club before they became an official organization this year.

"We did a lot of thinking with multiple meetings last spring to see where we wanted BRAiNS to go and also to write our own constitution," Lahti said.

"There were a lot of papers to fill out and was kind of a little hectic at times, but all the hard work ended up paying off," Lahti said.

If you want to get involved with BRAiNS you can email Larimer Bousquet at samantha.larimer@wartburg.edu.

BRAiNS can also be found on Facebook at Wartburg BRAiNS and Twitter at @BurgBRAiNS.

"We are very excited as BRAiNS is an organization far beyond neuroscience majors and to also let people know that science can really be fun and applicable in our daily life," Larimer Bosquet said.

Seniors prepare for graduation

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Seniors on campus not only have the usual task of juggling classes, but also are looking to the 'real world' lurking behind graduation's corner.

Despite the pressure, Derek Solheim, associate director of Career Services, believes Wartburg seniors are well prepared for their upcoming graduation.

"It's like any other experience. Some people are going to be better at the personal finance part, others are going to be better at cooking and finding an apartment and making connections," Solheim said.

Solheim believes the readiness for life after graduation really depends on the individual and their situation .

"For the most part, I believe, students have a pretty good understanding of what life, what the next chapter in their life is going to look like," Solheim said.

The Pathways tab on the Wartburg website offers students various services to help them prepare for post-graduation life. The "Senior-Year Experience" link offers students several tips on how to deal with various situations.

The tips include a video on credit cards, a monthly budget plan, information on what to do in a case of identity theft, how to find and choose a real estate agent, buying a new car and more.

Solheim and Cassie Hales, a residence hall director, are the co-coordinators of the Senior-Year Experience.

"The idea is, how do we successfully help students move from the collegiate experience to life after Wartburg," Solheim said.

"That might be going to graduate school and living in graduate housing or it could be, I moved to a different part of the country, how do I find housing? What do I do about health insurance? How do I connect with other '20-somethings?'"

Senior Tyler Nullmeyer thinks Wartburg has done a good job of preparing him for life after graduation.

"They have done a good job, especially academically. They have definitely helped me prepare for grad school," Nullmeyer said.

"My advisers have been great about helping me with everything that I have needed."

Nullmeyer plans on going to law school after graduation, but he isn't sure where. He is still in the process of applying to graduate schools.

The idea of graduating in just a few months is still tough, Nullmeyer said.

"I'm trying not to think about it too much. I like Wartburg so much that it will be tough to leave," Nullmeyer said.

Concussions cause athletes issues

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There is always a risk when participating in athletics that something could go wrong and an athlete could sustain a concussion or another serious injury, Emily Link, Wartburg's assistant athletic trainer, said.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, a concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury after getting a bump or jolt to the head.

Concussions can also occur when something happens that causes your body to move quickly back and forth.

Wartburg has a very strict policy on concussions. At each team's preseason meeting, the trainers explain what a concussion is and what the signs and symptoms are.

Link added that all athletes have to sign a petition saying they understand what a concussion is and that they are responsible for telling their athletic trainers when something is wrong.

"I'd say we have a pretty good policy. I say our coaches do a really good job here of protecting our athletes and making sure that they don't put them in instances that something is going to happen," Link said.

Concussions and the damage they can cause have become a major point of discussion throughout the last year and a half, especially in professional sports, such as the NFL.

The Wartburg teams with the most concussions, according to trainer Emily Link, with football having the most. — Mauricio Gutierrez/TRUMPET

Former NFL players have sued the league for not informing them on possible brain damage they could sustain from playing football.

"I do think the position has a lot to do with it. I played safety when I had mine. One of a safety's responsibilities on the field is to help stop the run along with the linebackers," Greg Focht, a Wartburg football player, said.

"This means going against running backs, fullbacks, and linemen running at you. There is definitely more contact on specific positions."

Football is not the only sport where athletes get concussions; cheerleaders can get them too.

Haley Mehr is a cheerleader at Wartburg who has reached the maximum number of seven concussions allowed by the NCAA. If she gets another, she will no longer be eligible to participate.

Mehr said concussion risks for cheerleaders are very high because they can be hit while catching one another or by being dropped.

"Concussions are a lot more serious than they get credit for," Mehr said.

"My most recent concussion not only took me out of physical activity, but I was also unable to do a variety of mental activities, which impacted my schoolwork and options for entertainment."

At Wartburg, athletes have to go through an extensive process in order to be cleared after sustaining a concussion.

Link said symptoms are monitored every day and once they are symptom-free for 24 hours, they have to complete the five stages of activity to return to play.

Stages one and two are bike rides of different intensities, stage three is a sprint workout, stage four is a non-contact practice and stage five is a contact practice.

"For every single one of those stages, we test symptoms before and we test symptoms after," Link said. "Once they get cleared with that and without symptoms returning, they are cleared to play by both me and by the physician that I used."

Both Mehr and Focht agreed that even with injuries, athletes aren't going to stop doing what they love.

"We experience risks with everything we do, and we learn how to avoid them and keep living. I feel like it's the same with sports and risk of injury," Mehr said.

"I do think, however, that it is important that athletes know when to stop, and know when things get too serious — when they could impact the rest of their life."

Men's soccer draws with UD

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It's a narrative often discussed in collegiate sports, the idea that Homecoming week games are tougher for student-athletes to stay focused for.

Wartburg's 15th-ranked men's soccer team (10-2-3, 4-0-1) may have added some evidence Saturday night, struggling to a 1-1, double-overtime tie with Dubuque.

"I hate playing on Homecoming," Wartburg head coach Kirk Artist said. "There's so many distractions. There's alumni back, there's people back, there's parties going on. I hate playing on Homecoming and I attribute [the tie] to that a little bit."

Artist felt the team did not come ready to play in the first half. The Knights did find the back of the net, though, when Jonah Waldron headed a corner kick in front of goal to Dan Nadeau, who finished with his head in the 10th minute.

A foul whistled on Kevin Krueger led to Dubuque's (5-6-3, 3-1-1) goal in the 21st minute. Goalkeeper Austin Boyke couldn't see the ball behind the wall, and Brandon Wiley's shot slipped by him to even the match.

Nadeau was tripped by Danny Daniels in the box and drew Wartburg's first penalty of the season in the 40th minute. Krueger's penalty kick was well wide of the net.

"He takes our penalty kicks for us and will continue to do so. He just, obviously, had a mishap there," Artist said.

Shots were nearly even in the opening 45 minutes, with the Knights holding a 9-7 advantage, before turning it up in the second half and overtime with a 21-6 favor.

"I thought we finished the game pretty well, but definitely the first half was not good," Artist said. "We knocked the ball around and just thought it was ours for the taking."

Spartan goalkeeper Riley Jensen came up big with 11 saves.

"I think we came into it thinking we had this one in the bag and anytime you do that, you're gonna end up with a bad result," Artist said. "It's a lesson to be learned. It's one that we continue to learn, but hopefully we can finish out the season well here."

Boyke made seven saves for the Knights.

Five yellow cards were handed out. Each coach was booked, as were Krueger and Garret Grimerman of Wartburg and Dubuque's Kahlin Gonzaler.

The Iowa Conference title is still up for grabs.

No. 8 Loras' win over No. 17 Luther means the Knights will likely need a win over first-place Loras (12-2-1, 5-0-0) in Dubuque next Saturday to take the championship.

Knights fall to Spartans in OT

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The Wartburg women's soccer team lost 1-0 in overtime against Dubuque Saturday night.

The Knights (7-5-4, 2-2-1) have now played six overtime games this season. Four of those went into double-overtime and ended in a tie and the other two resulted in losses.

This time Wartburg kept the Spartans (13-4-0, 4-1) scoreless until the 93rd minute of the game. That's when Dubuque's Kyleigh McLaughlin scored unassisted past Wartburg goalie Beth Crow.

"I thought our girls played well," head coach Tiffany Pins said. "They played hard, and they fought for a little over 90 minutes. We dominated the game, but that's not really the point of the game. The point of the game is to outscore the other team and we didn't do that tonight."

The Spartans took nine shots, six of which were on goal. Wartburg took more shots with 15. Only seven of those shots were on goal.

Wartburg's Olivia Jansen and Brittany Frush both took the most shots in the game with four. Three of Jansen's were on goal, and Frush had one shot on goal.

"I feel like we had the majority of the play," Pins said. "Dubuque's a good team and they had some nice opportunities, too, but I thought we did some nice things tonight."

Pins knows exactly what her team will be working on this week, scoring.

"That's where we're at right now," Pins said. "We've got to be able to put it in the back of the net."

The Knights have a chance to redeem themselves this Saturday against Loras (9-6, 4-1), which is now tied for first in the Iowa Conference with crosstown rival Dubuque.

The Duhawks (9-6-0, 4-1-0) are coming off a win after giving Luther their second loss of the season, 1-0, Saturday night.

The game starts at 5 p.m. in Dubuque.

Olivia Jansen took four shots in the Knights' loss against Dubuque Saturday Oct. 18. Jansen tied with Brittany Frush for most shots taken. Frush had one on goal, Jansen had three. — Alyssa Noble/TRUMPET

No. 6 Knights slash Spartans

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Wartburg hasn't simply survived a rigorous opening three weeks of Iowa Conference football, it's dominated.

The Knights have outscored the other three programs that have won conference championships since 1997, 121-23.

The latest triumph was a 42-9 victory over Dubuque in front of a Homecoming crowd of 3,540 at Walston-Hoover Stadium on Saturday.

"We have a mature football team that has great focus to it. They understand how to prepare for each game," Wartburg head coach Rick Willis said. "That's not always the case with teams, but that's a trait that this team has."

The Knights gained a season-low 326 yards of offense but rarely needed to move the ball extensively to score. Only one of Wartburg's scoring drives started inside its own 40.

Brandon Domeyer rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries, an average of 6.8 yards per attempt.

His 54-yard burst less than a minute into the second half put the Knights in control, 27-9. Domeyer started to his right, then cut back across the field, juking tacklers on his way to the pylon.

"I think that was big," said Domeyer, who got the Knights on the board with a 17-yard run with 11:06 left in the first quarter. "That was one thing we were talking about at halftime was how we needed to come out and put some points on the board."

A 26-yard run by punter and former all-conference basketball player Mitch Michaelis kept a responsive UD drive alive in the opening quarter, and Zach Fry hit Tyler Rutenbeck for a 25-yard score on third down to tie the game.

After the teams traded three-and-outs, Wartburg put a scoring drive of its own together, capped by Logan Schrader's 25-yard toss to Robbie Anstoetter.

Wartburg safety Skylar Dierikx reaches in front of Dubuque receiver Tyler Rutenbeck to break up a pass during Saturday's Homecoming football game at Walston-Hoover Stadium. — **Alyssa Noble**/*TRUMPET*

The two hooked up for a five-yard score in the third that put Wartburg up 20-7 after a missed extra point. Schrader finished the day 11-of-20 for 133 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Wartburg was balanced offensively again, finishing with more rushing yards than passing for the first time this season (193-133).

"We're so explosive in the pass game, but we're still able to stay consistent in the run game," Domeyer said. "Being so good in the pass game helps the run game and vice versa."

Dubuque earned a safety when Wartburg punter Grant Zimmerman stepped out of bounds in the back of the endzone with 2:01 left in the half, cutting the lead to 20-9.

Wartburg's defense stood tall, forcing a three-and-out when the Spartans got the ball back on their own 45. Andrew Ganshirt tackled tight end Lee Jones for a two-yard loss on third-and-four.

Then, the offense began to put it away with Domeyer's long, video-game-like run.

"Whichever team came out and scored first in the second half, that was gonna be huge. Coming out and getting on the board quickly like that, I think, was a huge play," Willis said. "We felt like we needed to run the ball better in the second half. I think we did that."

Taylor Jacobsmeier and Jake Haberman capped the win with seven and nine-yard touchdown runs, respectively.

Fry finished the game 20-for-38 passing for 141 yards and a touchdown. The defensive game plan changed during the week.

"We were supposed to put some pressure on him, but then we heard earlier that week that Dubuque thought we were gonna kill them with some pressure, so we thought our d-line could get enough," said linebacker Will Janssen, who had 10 tackles. "The d-line did a great job of doing that."

It's Wartburg's eighth straight victory in the series. The three prior to this one were decided by a combined 13 points.

Do home crowds have an impact on games?

Sitting Courtside By **Seth Nutting**

The Wartburg football and volleyball teams are undefeated in Iowa Conference home games this year at a combined 4-0 and despite the small sample size, you can't help but think this is a mere coincidence. Or is it?

"I think there's something to playing at home. It's probably not a clear-cut advantage all the time, but you always like to play at home," head football coach Rick Willis said.

And to that, Willis would be right. Since 2001, his teams are a combined 57-14 at home, an astounding .800 winning percentage. On the road during that time, the team is 58-18, winning 76 percent of their games.

It turns out the Knights are effective both at home and on the road, but why are they better at home?

According to "Scorecasting," a sports insights book, vocal fans matter, but not in the way you might think.

Wartburg students Shawn Lau and Jackson Litterer cheer on the Knights at Saturday's football game. — **Alyssa Noble**/*TRUMPET*

"Once the game gets started, it's your fans that will help you through those moments when you really need them to," Wartburg co-head volleyball coach Jennifer Walker said.

This is the common misconception that most coaches and players have toward fans, that teams feed off the energy of a home crowd or that opponents make mistakes or can be intimidated by heckling antagonists.

Walker is not wrong for thinking so and I myself believed it. However, it's simply not true.

From statistical analysis, researchers have found little to no evidence supporting the idea that crowds influence a team's ability.

But fans can influence the referees and the calls they make.

After looking at homefield advantage in major sports leagues around the world, "Scorecasting" researchers concluded that officials are indeed biased. In fact, referee bias toward the home team is "the most significant contributor to homefield advantage."

Refs are making these calls without knowing so. The coaches and players may be unaware, too.

"I think for the most part they are pretty neutral," Walker said. "I think that, hopefully, they are not getting influenced that way."

In professional soccer, referees add time based on match stoppages.

When a home team was down after 90 minutes, refs added an average of four minutes. If the home team was up, that figure was cut in half.

Doesn't sound like much evidence? Let's look at football.

In the NFL, home teams receive about half a penalty less per game and are charged with fewer yards.

Wartburg hasn't needed to rely on referee bias to win games this year, winning by an average of 30 points.

A big reason is because of the players on the field.

"It comes down to the quality of your team versus the quality of the other team more than it does where

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday
M Soccer vs. Carleton (4 p.m.)

Tuesday
Volleyball vs. Luther (7:30 p.m.)

Friday
Volleyball vs. UW-RF (5:30 p.m.)*
Volleyball vs. Clarke (7:30 p.m.)*

Saturday
Volleyball vs. Carthage (10 a.m.)*
Volleyball vs. UW-O (Noon)*
Football vs. Luther (1 p.m.)
W Soccer at Loras (5 p.m.)
M Soccer at Loras (7 p.m.)
** = @ UW-Oshkosh Tournament*

WOMEN'S XC AT OSHKOSH

Wartburg finished 15th in the 42-team, multiple-division Wis.-Oshkosh AAE Invitational with 448 points Saturday.

Serena Goetzl led the Knights individually in 36th place with a time of 22:14.

Lucy Cheadle of Washington (Mo.) won the race in 20:45.

Morgan Gerdes (89th, 22:53) and Erin Sawyers (99th, 23:04) also finished in the top 100 for Wartburg in the 559-runner field.

Maddie Kleve (23:07) and Sarah Shirar (23:14) rounded out the scoring in 105th and 119th, respectively.

Dakota Tell (23:23) was 130th and Beth Mallon (23:30) finished 139th.

Division II No. 1 Grand Valley State and No. 3 Minn.-Duluth took the top two team spots with 40 and 98 points, respectively. Johns Hopkins, the top-ranked team in Division III, was third with 106.

MEN'S XC AT OSHKOSH

No. 33 Wartburg finished 19th out of 45 teams at the Wis.-Oshkosh AAE Invitational on Saturday.

D-III No. 1 North Central beat D-II No. 2 Grand Valley State 36-69 for the team title.

Chase Moser led the Knights with a 36th-place finish and a time of 25:23. His brother, Bennett, was 108th in 26:05.

JJ Frawley (137th, 26:24), Eli Kaczinski (147th, 26:31) and Lee Scott (156th, 26:38) also scored for Wartburg.

Ryan Hermsen (26:44) was 164th and Zach Marpe (26:46) took 166th out of 664 runners.

Grand Valley State's Alan Peterson won the race in a time of 24:33.

TEAMMATE SUPPORT

The volleyball team changed its annual "Pink Night" to "Blue Night" Tuesday in honor of the late Ron Bader, father of freshman defensive specialist Bre Bader, who passed away of colon cancer this fall. Blue represents colon cancer awareness.

Go to wartburgcircuit.org to read the full story.